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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. The signal battalion stationed at Halle was subordinate to the Halle Inf Div and was quartered in the former Kavallerie Kaserne on Marschallus Strasse. The installation also quartered one AAA unit with 37-mm AA guns; one reconnaissance unit with armored scout cars; one motor transport unit; and presumably the division headquarters.

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2. The signal battalion which was organized into the headquarters company, the radio company, the telephone company, and the instruction platoon, numbered about 120 men. The division was commanded by Colonel Voigt, (fnu). The signal battalion was commanded by Captain Ottiger, (fnu), who was about 40 years old.

Comment. A previous report mentioned the signal battalion in this installation, which apparently also quarters the reconnaissance battalion, the AAA battalion and the motor transport battalion of the Halle Inf Div, while it is believed that the division headquarters is not stationed there. In late September 1953, the signal battalion was reported to number about 300 men and to include a 4th Co.

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